

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization:	WOMEN OF CONCERN STATE OF TENNESSEE
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name	DR. MARGARTE `
Last Name	MORGAN

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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

First Name	DR. PRISCILLA
Last Name	WILLIAMS
Title:	CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area:	SENIOR CITIZENS/ YOUTH AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM
Amount Requested	\$5,000.00
Total Organizational budget (for current year):	\$68,300.00

Total Project/Program Budget:	\$15,000.00
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Dates covered by this budget:	JULY 1- DECEMBER 31, 2016
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Project/Program Name:	AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM
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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

Women of Concern - State of TN (WOC) was founded in 1992. Dr. Margarte Morgan birthed this program to meet the unique needs of senior citizens, youth, and ex-offenders. Over the years, Dr. Morgan and the WOC members have fought for a variety of causes; including feeding the homeless on Beale Street, exoneration of an ex-offender who was proven innocent through DNA testing, and standing up for the rights of students. The mission of the organization is to impart knowledge, believing that knowledge is power, and empowering senior citizens and youth from our most economically depressed communities within our city. It is our goal not to offer a hand-out but to offer opportunities for each population to strategically set S.M.A.R. T. Goals (Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timed-based) in order to bring about a change in their personal lives and their communities. The Senior Citizens Awareness and Empowerment Program will serve to take information into our most economically challenged communities. We will seek to teach, reach, serve, empower and guide our senior citizens, youth, and ex-offenders to programs and facilities; That in turn will enhance their lives and restore independence while fostering safety, security and unity. We wrap up with an annual Health & Wellness Fair that will serve to meet the basic, yet often overlooked needs of these at-risk population(s). The Youth Skills Program we will seek to implement a program for our youngest at-risk individuals, even those beginning their lives as Kindergarten students and beyond. In an effort to get them going in the right direction, we will meet the basic needs of supplies for Kindergarten students at several elementary Schools within communities.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

A. SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM: 1. Activities for successful execution: Health and Wellness Fair- Agencies were introduced to the senior's, and present to help senior citizens make sound decisions about their health. 2. Senior Care: through meeting the physical needs of our Seniors we supply them with warm weather attire and a blanket, and vouchers to assist with utilities. This will be a catalyst to connect with this population on a horizontal level. 3. Recognition: Seniors who have been advocates in their communities, we reward this as a powerful opportunity where they have utilized their skills to reach out to and assist other seniors in varies areas of need. This has increased unity and brought about visibility for other seniors in an effort to identify, report and protect seniors from elder abuse. B. YOUTH PROGRAM: 1. Coping with Stress: Strategic techniques were presented to help youth identify where their stress is rooted and what their triggers are. 2. Anger Management: Through facilitated guidance, youth were helped to understand about utilizing anger in a positive manner. Developing S.M.A.R.T. Goals a. Goal-setting: has been given a more thorough breakdown into Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-Based parts in order to meet overall objectives successfully. 3. A.S.S.E.T. Goals: Achievement, Strategies, Solutions, and Excellence Transition is designed and is used as an initiative that helps the youth focus on helping them through challenging times. 4. Assistance in standing up for the rights of students as needed, when innocence is evident. D. EX-OFFENDERS PROGRAM: 1. As the need presents itself, we do and have assisted Ex-Offenders in exoneration for those proven innocent through DNA testing. 2. Connect them to the 2nd Chance Program. 3. Supply clothing for job interviews. 4. Transport to job interviews and work until other travel arrangements can be made. D. HOMELESS: 1. Feeding of homeless on Beale St. However, our desire is to reach those abroad in the metropolitan area. 2. Provide clothing. 3. Have sought out temporary housing.

Numbers of paid full-time staff: 0

Number of paid part-time staff: 0

Number of volunteers: 12

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

The funding will be used for identified pre-mentioned programs and activities (Feeding the homeless, Annual Health & Wellness Fair, Vouchers for Senior Citizen's Utilities, Blanket's, Food, Etc., Clothing for Ex-Offenders (Transportation, Testing fees (work requiring Licensure)), Fees for legalities in clearing legal records. Youth Projects- that will focus on inspiring and building morals, values and great skills for coping with stress, anxiety, and peer-pressure. Youth will learn how to think better through their critical situations; and to gain greater decision-making skills that will allow them to have more positive results when disagreements arise. Additionally, students will gain an understanding about consequences, and have an opportunity to participate in role-play for understanding the why's, how's, when, and what's of where another person may be coming from. They will learn to take out assumptions and base issues only on fact-based information. Homeless- will assist in providing food, clothing, and temporary housing. The program initiatives set forth will use funds from this grant request, and will further be sustained through fundraisers and private donations. We will seek to secure additional sponsorships from businesses from in-kind donations, to ensure continued operation of the organization. We will also identify corporate partnerships that will allow us to extend our reach beyond our current at risk communities; into having a presence in each zip code identified as being at or below the poverty line, economically disadvantaged, or lacking in support and internal networking programs within the confines of their community.

General Operating Support

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

The funds will be used for Senior Citizens Awareness and Empowerment Program. and wrap up with a Health & Wellness Fair. Blankets, warm clothing, utility vouchers, etc. Youth Skills Program- focused on helping Youth through challenging times. As times have advanced, the proliferation of poverty and violence have risen significantly. Ex-offenders - this program offers an opportunity to develop skills and support resources for survival by normal productive means. Will provide reviews, research, and assistance to the ex-offenders in the form of extensive personal and career counseling, individualized assessment, basic reading and math, GED classes, job/career

training, clerical training, career development and job placement/advancement assistance. Homeless - Feeding, Clothing, Temporary Housing

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

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How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

Our project involves focus on Senior Citizens through assistance with their health and wellness, physical needs and recognition for their efforts within their community. Also we contribute to our youth by helping them cope with stress and anger, as well as, developing S.M.A.R.T. and A.S.S.E.T. Goals for each of them individually and enhancing their communication skills. Ex-Offenders are restored back to society with a sense of pride as renewed citizen's. And are therefore able to help in building or re-building a better community. And the homeless are restored back to a place that can lead to what they can once again refer to as home! These projects when implemented successfully will continuously fulfill

the primary mission of this organization.

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

The effectiveness of the aforementioned programs and projects will be measured by the increase of those assisted; as well as the positive results recorded. In relation to the description of the success of our goal expectation I have again given reference to what is described under the purpose and primary statement section. Women of Concern organization is to impart knowledge, believing that knowledge is power, and empowering senior citizens and youth from our most economically depressed communities within our city. It is our goal not to offer a hand-out but to offer opportunities for each population to strategically set S.M.A.R.T Goals (Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-Based) in order to bring about a change in their personal lives and their communities. Senior Citizens Awareness and Empowerment Program: and wrap up with a Health & Wellness Fair. This is done annually, and other than knowledge and accessibility to vendors associated with health awareness, food (snacks) and drinks are given. Youth Skills Program- focuses on helping Youth through challenging times. As times have advanced, the proliferation of poverty and violence have risen significantly. Our S.M.A.R.T. and A.S.S.E.T. Goal Programs help our youth to adjust to necessary changes. Ex-offenders - this program offers an opportunity to develop skills and support resources for survival by normal productive means. Will provide reviews, research, and assistance to the ex-offenders in the form of extensive personal and career counseling, individualized assessment, basic reading and math, GED classes, job/career training, clerical training, career development and job placement/advancement assistance. Homeless- Focus: Feeding, Clothing, Temporary Housing

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations

2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income

statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.

3. Complete Budget for grant request

If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations

2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.

3. Complete Budget for grant request

File 1 [Women of Concern Envelope.docx](#)

File 2 [Women of Concern Envelope 0.docx](#)

File 3 [Women of Concern Envelope 1.docx](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Dr. Margarte Morgan

Printed Name: Dr. Margarte Morgan

Date 6/20/2016
